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The Hon. Lois Hole addresses "unsung heroes of civilization" at Northern Lights Library Conference

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Northern Lights Library System hosted their 12th annual conference this past week, with Lieutenant Governor, the Hon. Lois Hole delivering the keynote address at Thursday's opening banquet.

MLA Ray Danyluk introduced the Lieutenant Governor, who he said "supports education and libraries to an extent none of you could imagine."

Danyluk added that libraries "are so important. We cannot get away from the importance of learning and sharing. Her Honor has stressed many times that we cannot put enough funds into education and libraries."

NLLS director Mircea Panciuk escorted "the chief catalyst, the chief champion of libraries in this province: the Honourable Dr. Lois Hole" to the podium.

"I can't tell you how much pleasure it gives me to be able to thank you in person for all the wonderful work you do," Her Honor told the crowd. "Librarians, and the people who support libraries - men and women who sit on library boards, community officials, those who volunteer at libraries, and the patrons who make use of the library's wonders - are, to my mind, the unsung heroes of civilization and one of the biggest reasons for our current peace and prosperity."

Librarians "have maintained one of civilization's great traditions, the gathering and dissemination of hard-won human wisdom. Libraries have been and always shall be the engines of civilization's progress."

The Lieutenant Governor called books "the gateway to a better tomorrow... resources to examine and confront our most difficult social problems... solace in times of stress..." and "as crucial to our survival as schools, hospitals, farms, or any other institution you can name."

Because Canada enjoys such a high rate of literacy, Her Honor said "sometimes we take libraries for granted. We can't afford to do that any more. Good documentaries and books have their place, but when you really need to understand an issue in depth, you've got to turn to books."

"Libraries are the cornerstone of civil society, of the liberal democracy that we've come to cherish. We must not allow them to crumble into disuse," she told her audience, adding strong encouragement to spread the word about the Lois Hole Library Legacy program "which I hope will provide scores of books for Alberta's libraries."

Under the legacy program, the public is invited to donate toward the purchase of books in the name of a loved one, or in their own name, to help keep collections current while "creating a legacy not just for your library, but for your own family."

"In a world of changes," Her Honor concluded, "contributing to the health of your library is one of the only legacies that really lasts. In building a legacy for your loved ones, you're also investing in a more literate, more enlightened world."



May we have your autograph?

Lieutenant Governor, the Hon. Lois Hole, was happy to comply with a request from Northern Lights Library System director Mircea Panciuk, and autographed a number of books which will become part of the collections in NLLS member libraries.

County residents get change in the east

By MICHELLE HULEY
Journal Staff

Municipal elections yesterday resulted in a great deal of change in the eastern divisions of the County of St. Paul.

In Division 1, Glen Ockerman with 102 votes took the majority over three other candidates, Terry Krider, 44 votes, George Sanders, 58, and Darryl Youngmans, 78.

"I'm very, very proud of the people who've supported me. I'm proud of the trust people had in me," Ockerman said, adding he's new to the political game, however he's looking forward to getting in and addressing issues. "There's a few road issues. I'm really looking forward to just

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Sharil Baumgardner

working with people."

Ockerman praised outgoing councillor, Allen Young, who decided not to run again after three terms on council. "Allen did a really, really super job. He was really good for the whole community."

In Division 2, the winds of change blew as well, with incumbent Sharil Baumgardner losing the seat by 25 votes to Tom

Kurek, who received 183 votes to Baumgardner's 158.

Baumgardner said while she's disappointed, she's looking forward to being able to direct her energies to more specific community projects.

"It's been a great experience and a learning experience," she said of her three-year term on council. "I've always looked at it as a privilege to work for the people."

"I'm not really devastated. I have always worked to keep my integrity," she said, adding that is how she'll be approaching her next project. The first one she's gearing up for is to assist incumbent MLA Ray Danyluk in his upcoming provincial election.

Kurek was unavailable for comment at press time.

Elk Point elects new council

By REVIEW STAFF

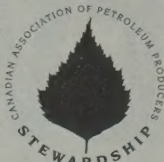
The Town of Elk Point will be seeing some new faces and some experienced ones at the council table after municipal elections yesterday.

When the polls closed, the results were: Dwayne Yaremkevich with 210 votes, Dennis Jaskinsky with

208, Alvina Schumaker with 203, Thomas Kondla, 192, and former mayor Lyle Frisby, 177.

Town residents turned out in great number for the election considering weather that was expected to keep many voters away from the polls, but a total of 1,171 votes cast.

Committed to responsible resource development



16 more people went home safely

After BP Canada Energy Company launched a bottom-up and top-down overhaul of their health and safety practices last year, 16 more people went home safely.

The upstream oil and gas industry places high priority on health and safety. That's why everyone at BP, as well as those who work under contract for BP, got involved in the initiative. It began with leadership. Every vice president signed a personal contract that made health and safety part of their performance goals. At breakfasts and special safety meetings, contractors were given incentives, too: improving their health and safety records would give them a better chance of having their contracts renewed. New procedures were drawn up to make situations like working alone safer. Health and safety became everyone's daily priority. Viewing every activity from office procedures to welding, workers were encouraged to write down their observations and ideas of how it could be made safer.

Just one year later, safety observations had tripled and 55 per cent fewer recordable injuries meant 16 more people went home safely. "This tremendous reduction in injuries is the result of the efforts of all BP employees and the many contractors that have worked with us this past year," says Jennifer Speer, HSE Team Leader at BP. "For us to be able to make continued improvements in safety, we require the commitment of these contractors, who by the way, work for all producers in Western Canada. With the commitment of all producers and contractors, we can make our industry safer."

Alberta Workers' Compensation noted the improvement too. "BP Canada was 72 per cent better than the upstream oil and gas industry average," says Lorraine Lynch-Geisler, Workers' Compensation spokesperson. She adds, the upstream oil and gas industry's record is much better than the average of all industries. Efforts like BP's to bring everyone home safely each day go a long way toward maintaining that position.

Every drop counts

"We can't use resources of any kind without having some impact on the environment," says Professor Laurence Bentley of the University of Calgary's Department of Geology and Geophysics. Bentley's specialty is studying groundwater—how water behaves under the ground. He says we need a lot of scientific data before we can properly protect it. That's why Syncrude Canada Ltd. and NAL Resources Limited are sponsoring watershed studies.

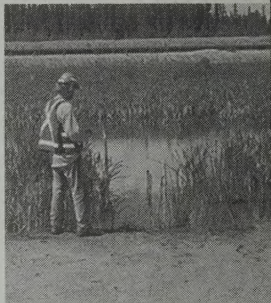
Syncrude is studying three watersheds on its oil sands leases to "track every drop of water—how much is stored, how much is available for plants, how much stays underground and how much runs off to streams and wetlands," explains Clara Qualizza, Syncrude's Oil Sands Environment Scientist. "We have also instrumented a series of undisturbed watersheds and forests for comparison." The information they get from streams and underground probes is essential for planning the best way to protect water and reclaim the land.

At the Spring Creek watershed near Valleyview, Alberta, NAL recognized the importance of continuing a 35-year Alberta Environment study when it moved into the area to develop an oilfield. NAL and its partner provided funding for laboratory analysis and scientific equipment to help find out the effects of oilfield development as it happens.

Results are still being analyzed, but promise to be invaluable. "These watersheds are so complicated, the only way to understand them is to take lots of data and measurements," says Bentley. He says long-term studies are particularly rare but are the most important—they provide the ability to better forecast future effects. Industry-assisted studies such as these help ensure that Alberta's water quality remains high for future generations.



The upstream oil and gas industry places a high priority on health and safety.



Syncrude's watershed research will "track every drop of water."



Playtime pals at Elk Point Parent Nursery include (standing, left to right) Angie Taylor with daughter Dania, Irene Pilisko and son Mickal, Jean Digol with daughter Catherine on slide, Matthew McAnally; (kneeling, left to right) Norine Cameron, Kandus LaFrance; (front, left to right) Dayton Taylor in carrier, Ryan Jenner, Jesse Cameron, Kaden La France, Justin Bzowy, Paul and Laurie Norman. Not shown - Sharla Bzowy.

Parent nursery seeking more parents, tots

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The small but lively

group assembled for the weekly parent nursery session at Elk Point United

Church last Wednesday was having a great time, but something was missing.

"We had 15 members here on the first day," Elk Point Parent Nursery Society president Norine Cameron said. "Today we have seven." Participation varies from week to week, but seems to have dwindled since the new season started in September. "We want lots of parents and tots to come. The more the merrier."

"Even newborns are welcome," secretary Kandus LaFrance added. "It's a good opportunity for moms to get out and visit while the kids play... we had some dads, too, last year."

The weekly gathering starts at 10 a.m., and usually includes a simple craft project, a snack and a story, as well as ample time to play with the toys, while the moms have coffee.

Special occasions such as Halloween and Christmas are marked with theme parties, and occasional outings are on the agenda as well. Parent nursery parents hosted the penny carnival at this year's Canada Day celebration, and "we could do it again, if we have more members," Cameron said.

For more information, call Noreen at 724-4655 or Kandus at 724-3283.

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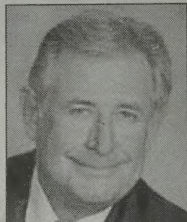
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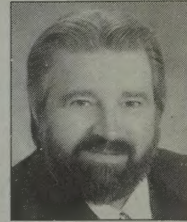
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Town ready for new regional landfill

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The long-awaited regional landfill is nearing completion, and Mayor Lyle Frisby told Elk Point town council's last meeting before the municipal election that "chances are, it will be open by the end of November. When it's ready, that site will be open."

Council received the proposed budget for the site in ample time to work Elk Point's share into the town's 2005 budget. The town's payment of \$57,000 is due in January, and will amount to slightly over one mill of taxation for Elk Point ratepayers. Of that amount, \$11,000 is for operating expenses, while the balance goes toward repayment of the five-year, \$650,000 loan Evergreen Regional Waste had to take out to purchase a grader and packer.

"Equipment is not grantable," Frisby said. He added that Evergreen is "still looking at another \$5 million to finish the site."

The \$11,000 for operating expenses is "a little less, hopefully" than the town is currently spending for a waste disposal site, town manager Myron Goyan told council. "We're paying St. Paul \$1000 a month to dump there."

Council voted to approve the proposed budget, which Frisby noted is estimated. "If we've overpaid, they'll reimburse us."

Waste management popped up again later in the agenda with discussion of Alberta Environment's waste action plan.

"The whole garbage system is going to more and

more recycling. Recycle, recycle, recycle," Frisby said. "Recycling costs money, and educating people to recycle is a big thing."

An attempt has been made in the past to encourage Elk Point residents to compost their grass clippings, by offering compost bins for sale at a reasonable cost. "We may have to reactivate that," Goyan said, noting that grass clippings are heavy and bulky, and would thus be costly to ship to the regional landfill.

A composting area has been established at the waste collection site, but may not be available when Evergreen takes over management of the site. Goyan feels that for smooth and cost-effective operation, "each site should be managed by the municipality where it's located."

Council also received information from Northern Care Coalition, who are prepared to pick up electronic waste such as discarded computers, and will pay the town for the privilege. Northern Care hopes to extend their recycling efforts to include fluorescent tubes and cardboard at a future date.

Help for arena

The grant program established to assist local organizations which run into unexpected financial problems will be used to assist the A. G. Ross Arena Operating Committee, whose ice plant compressor gave out as this year's icemaking began.

"That's what [the grant] was set up for," Frisby acknowledged.

Council agreed to pay the

bill for the new compressor, up to a maximum of \$10,000, from the grant.

Ambulance service

"We want to keep our ambulance service at status quo, at least until the contract runs out," incoming mayor Parrish Tung commented, regarding Aspen Regional Health's plans to take over ambulance service across the region.

"For the town, we're happy with what we have," Frisby agreed.

Elk Point's ambulance service provider Fred Lambright has indicated he wants to meet with the town and county councils after the election to discuss the situation.



With the municipal election less than a week after their October meeting, Elk Point town councillors (left to right) Dennis Jasinsky, Parrish Tung, mayor Lyle Frisby, Town manager Myron Goyan, councillors Alvina Shuhmacher and Bernice Capjack looked back on three years of progress and working as an efficient team. As incoming mayor by acclamation, Tung will swear in his new council on October 25.

Chamber meets tomorrow

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce will hold their regular meeting tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. at the Empress. With Small Business Week coming up October 24 to 30, members and potential members are urged to come out and give your input to the Chamber.

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Pneumonia Vaccine Also Available

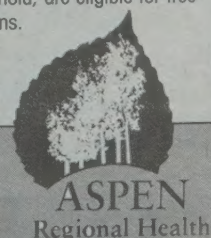
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EDITORIAL

Big shoes left to fill

The passing of Sid Holthe has left not only his family, but the community wondering, "What will we do without him?"

Remembrance Day is coming up soon, and the Elk Point Royal Canadian Legion will be without their perennial organizer of the event, not to mention their master of ceremonies. The Historical Society has planned their annual afternoon of history for that day, based on life here at home during World War II, and will be without one of their featured presenters. They don't even know where their future meetings will be, since Holthe always took care of that.

The longtime political supporter will be missed when the Progressive Conservatives gather for their evening with Premier Ralph Klein and the Right Honorable Don Mazankowski.

The expert on policies and procedures will be missed when the Chamber of Commerce needs their next bylaw review, and whenever wise advice is needed.

The longtime educator will be missed when the North East Alberta Retired Teachers meet.

The seniors' advocate will be missed at virtually every gathering at the Seniors' Recreation Centre he helped to make a reality and supported in every possible way ever since, and at Heritage Lodge, where he welcomed all those who came to inform or entertain.

A daunting task faces all who will attempt to fill the gaps with their first steps in Holthe's very big shoes.

WAY BACK WHEN

Day homes, drilling and coaching honors

FROM THE FILES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW, HERE ARE THE HEADLINES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 19 IN...

1984

Safety-approved daycare in a homelike atmosphere would soon be available, with four satellite day homes ready to go, FCSS director Kathie Locher announced. Steve Stepaniuk was sworn in as deputy mayor at town council's annual organizational meeting.

1989

Amoco Canada announced a \$6 million, 24-well drilling program for the Elk Point project, 12 km southeast of town, with 14 of the wells being infill on 20-acre spacing and the remaining 10 delineation wells on 40-acre spacing. John Zenko was back on county council for Division 2, after a three year absence, with a close victory over Gordon Kuhn.

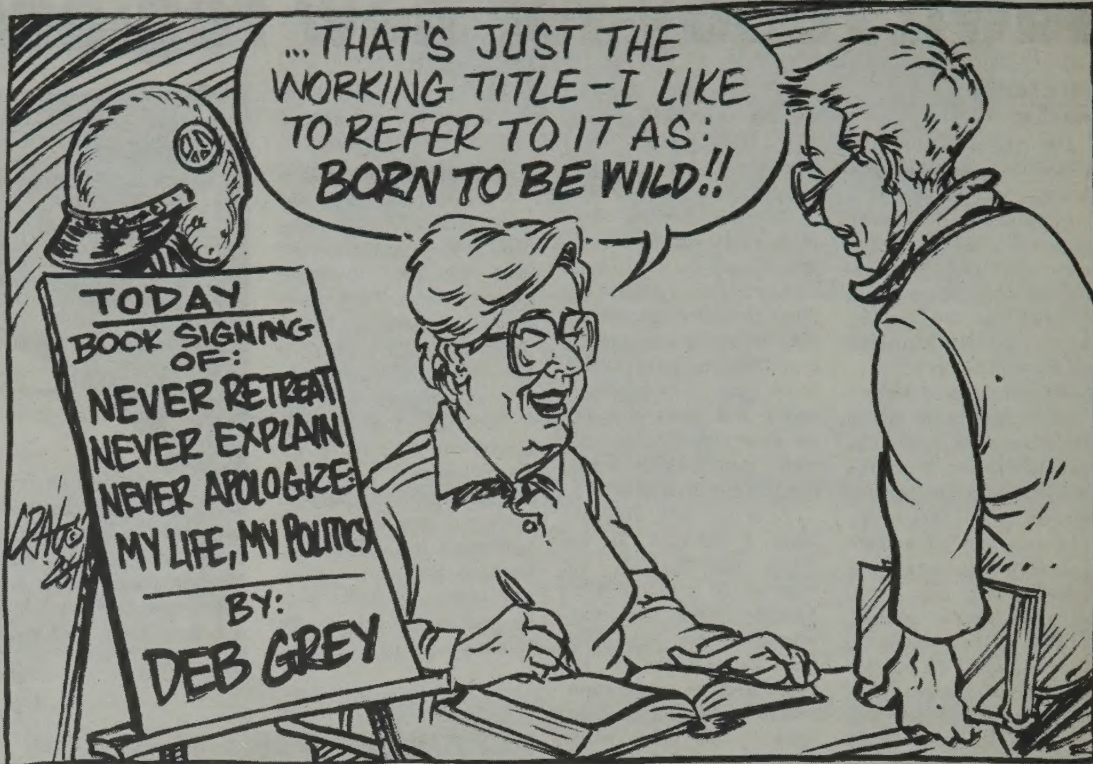
1994

Elk Point and District Agricultural Society was facing the future with a new president, Ron Salt, a new format with regular meetings between the society, the arena operating committee and the fairgrounds committee, and a strong hope for renewed cooperation and financial survival. Rev. Norman Hartley was officially welcomed to Elk Point United Church.

1999

Elk Point was selected for further evaluation as a potential site for the Northern Lights Library System's new headquarters, and was on a short list with St. Paul, Vermilion and Vegreville. Doug Bassett was named Baseball Alberta Coach of the Year, a rare honor for a rural coach whose team "never won a medal, but that's still one of my goals."

The Elk Point Review publishes a variety of opinions as a contribution to debate on matters of public concern. Unsigned editorials express the view of this newspaper's editorial board which includes the Publisher and the Editor. Signed pieces express the view of the individual writer.



GUEST COLUMN

I had no idea! How about you?

Let me ask you all a question. Why is the tip of the elbow called the funny bone? I learned that the funny bone isn't a bone. It's a nerve called the ulnar nerve. The nerve gets very close to the surface at the tip of the elbow. When the ulnar nerve is hit, it causes a sharp, stinging pain all the way down the arm and into the hand. For a period, people thought the pain was created by having the upper arm bone hit. The upper arm bone is called the "humerous: and someone decided it would be appropriate to term that nerve the "humourous" or "funny" bone.



deanna
EASTHOPE

from the FCSS desk

I have recently learned some other interesting points. Did you know that the often-quoted University of Southern California study states that communication is 7% words, 38% tone of voice, and 55% body language. So while the telephone is convenient, it is only 45% effective as a mode of communication, with over half (55%) of the information conveyed to the recipient being lost.

With that point being made about communication, it follows why telephone marketers have an advantage when they solicit over the telephone. How do we handle those kinds of phone calls? From the "Heads-up Fraud Prevention Association," they tell us we need to target hardening our responses. We could follow the four Ds. The four Ds stand for Deter, Delay, Deny and Detect.

Deter - This is any method that is used to cause the criminal element to choose not to try and victimize you. Refusing to answer surveys or to do business over your phone. Not dealing with contractors who were "just in the neighborhood." Saying, "I'm sorry, but due to the large amount of telephone fraud we do not do business or answer surveys over the phone."

Delay - Asking for written information, telling an individual that you have to "do some research" before making a commitment. Saying, "you can mail me the relative materials. I'm sure that you will be able to reverse my phone number to obtain my address."

Deny - List your phone number and address with the

Canadian Marketing Association's Do Not Call Service (416-391-2362).

Detect - Say, "I'm sorry I am busy right now, would you provide me a name and number to return your call?"

If we learn to use the four Ds, we will have hardened the target of the telemarketers and saved ourselves from weakening to what they are trying to sell us.

Yes, we all need to practice "heads up" because really most of us may have said at one time or other, "I had no idea!" Besides, once it is all over, we can have that last laugh. And yes, it really is best to do business using the whole scope of communication... words, voice tones and body language. Have a great day, everyone.

Proclamation

Canada's
Citizenship Week

October 18 - 24, 2004

WHEREAS: Canada's Citizenship Week will be held from October 18 to 24, 2004;

AND WHEREAS: Canada's Citizenship Week provides an opportunity to reflect on the value of citizenship and immigration and to focus on the privileges, rights, responsibilities and obligations of citizenship;

AND WHEREAS: New Canadians bring a strong sense of commitment to their new home, make many valuable contributions to Canada and play an important role in our economic strength and cultural diversity;

AND WHEREAS: The themes and values of Canadian citizenship reinforce an important message for all Canadians - that newcomers are welcome in Canada and that we all belong;

AND WHEREAS: All Canadians, old and new can join together in reaffirming their commitment to Canada;

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Lyle Frisby, do hereby proclaim the week of October 18 - 24, 2004 as

"Canada's Citizenship Week"

in the town of Elk Point.

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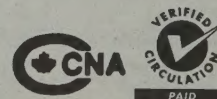


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Harvest home



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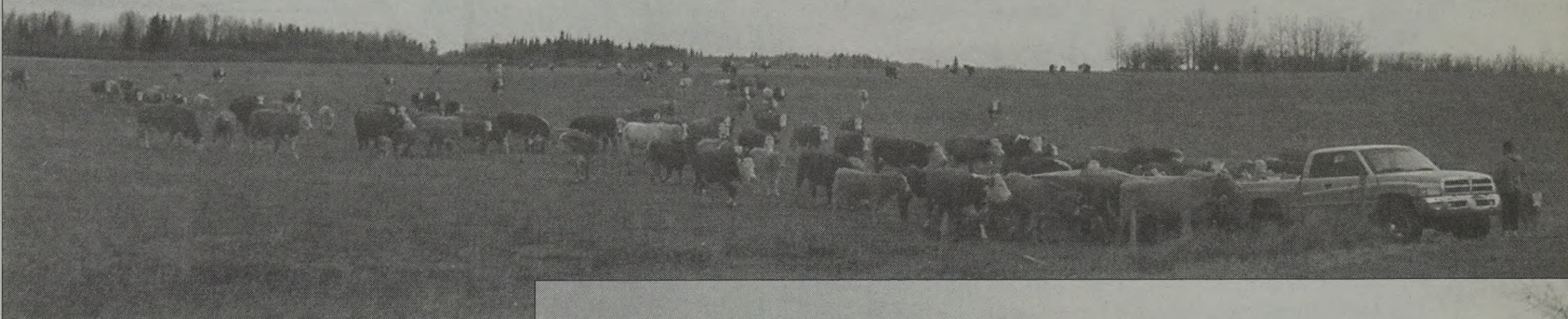
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Round 'em up, head 'em out...



A pickup truck and a couple of ATVs have replaced the traditional roundup crew of horses and cowboys on many ranches these days. The herd heeds the rattle of oats in a pail as a signal to line up at the gate and prepare to hit the trail for the home place and their winter feed supply.

VICKI BROOKER PHOTOS



Get along, little dogies - The herd forms a long and steadily moving column in the home stretch of their trek from summer pasture.



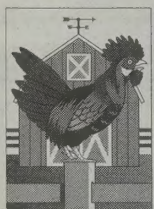
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Dual harvest for aquaculture and aquaponics

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Doug and Virginia Millar are reaping a double harvest from their joint aquaculture and aquaponics operation, Circle M Trout Farm, in the Armistice area.

The Millars started hatching rainbow trout in 1983. At that time, most of the fish left the farm in the springtime, as they were purchased for stocking farm ponds.

Since that time, the operation has grown considerably. When the Agricultural Service Boards tour visited the farm last July, Doug Millar told the visitors that about 42,000 fish of various states of growth were on hand.

"They come in from Washington State as eyed eggs, five days after hatching," Millar said. "We disinfect them and put them in water, feeding them every 12 hours. They grow about an inch per month."

The large building housing the fish contains a series of huge round tanks, with fish

moved from tank to tank as they grow. Major construction and renovation was underway during the summer to streamline the operation.

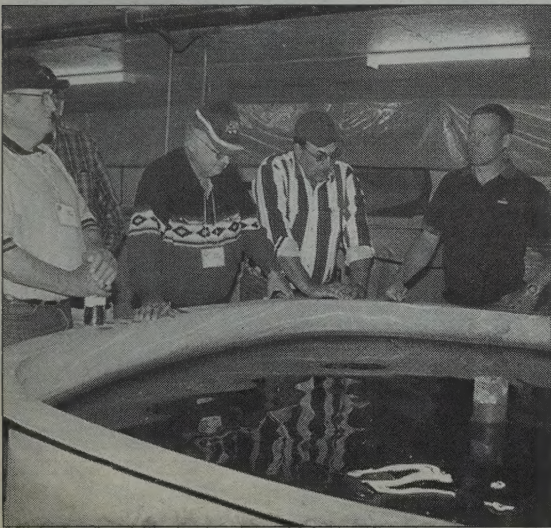
Water from the tanks is screened and filtered, and Millar says it is important to keep the water "consistent and clean." However, he adds, "we don't dump the water." Water enriched with fish manure circulates through an adjoining aquaponic greenhouse, where it provides ample nutrients for tomatoes, cucumbers and water plants.

The plants themselves don't touch the water, but grow massive root systems which reach deep into the water-filled channels. The Millars grow two crops a year in the greenhouse and have also experimented with other vegetable varieties.

The Millars invited tour participants to taste test an ample array of their fresh-picked produce at the conclusion of the tour, and offered a variety of information on both aquaculture and aquaponics to their visitors.



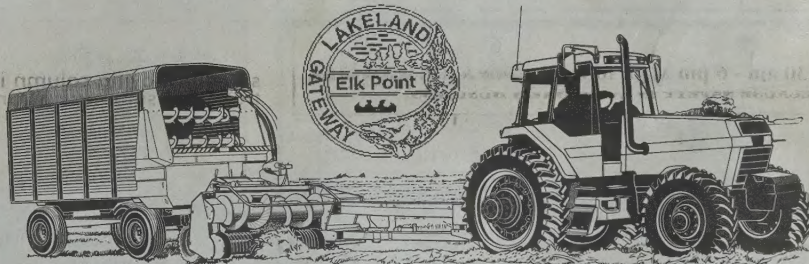
Circle M summer staffer Joanne Paul shows a visitor the huge root mass on a cucumber plant in the aquaponics greenhouse. Tomato plants, left and centre, are the real "nutrient hogs," however, Doug Millar says.



Doug Millar shows Agricultural Service Board visitors from across Alberta some of Circle M's 42,000 Rainbow Trout housed in one of the large growing tanks that make up the aquaculture operation.

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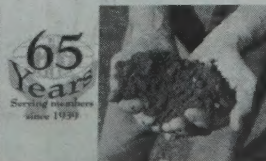
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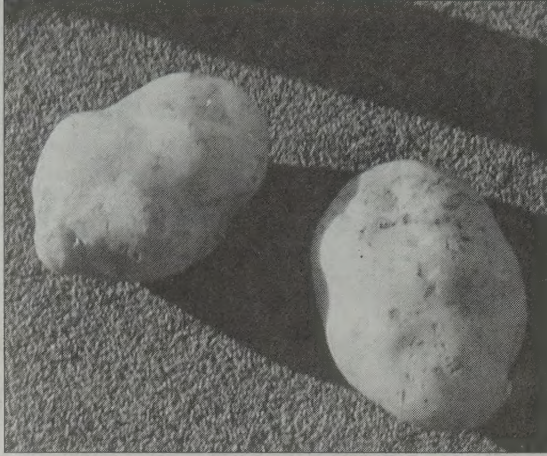
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Farming on a smaller scale: local gardeners present their whopper veggies



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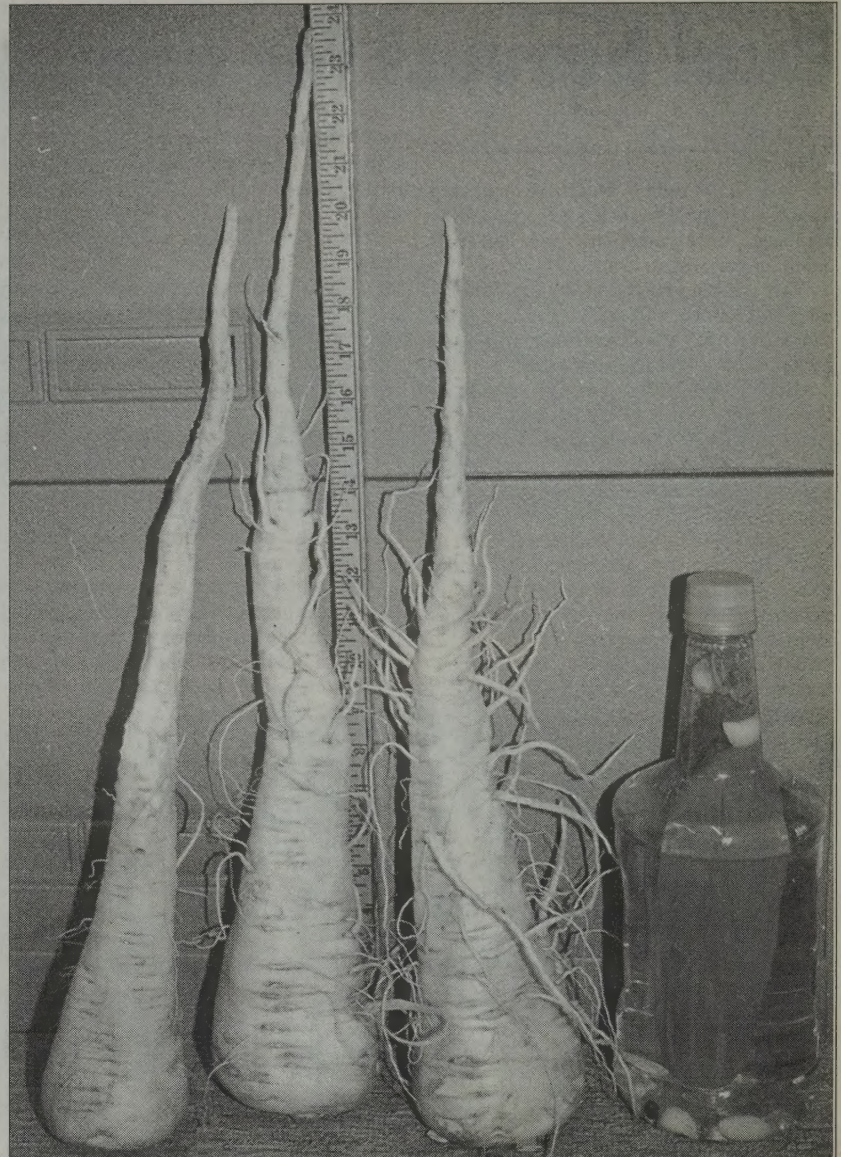
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Pride of the parsnip patch - Amelia Bowen brought in a trio of portly parsnips, the largest measuring 24 inches long, weighing 1.195 kg, the second largest an inch shorter and tipping the scales at .950 kg and the third weighing .870 kg. The parsnips were planted last fall, Bowen says, and adds that she also plants lettuce and beets in the fall for an early spring start. The bottle at far right contains a pickled cucumber which was grown in the bottle.



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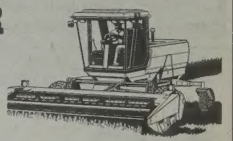
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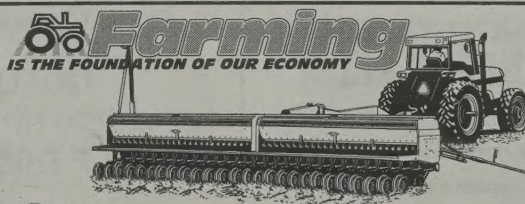


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Elk Point pays tribute to prominent elder statesman

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

The long and productive life of one of Elk Point's most prominent elder statesmen was celebrated last Saturday.

The Canadian flag beside Elk Point's cenotaph flew at half mast as a huge crowd packed the Elk Point Seniors Recreation Centre on October 16 to bid a sad and affectionate farewell to Sid Holthe, who passed away Sunday, October 10 after a massive stroke.

Born to homesteaders Oscar and Caroline Holthe in a log cabin four and a half miles northeast of Elk Point, Holthe lived in the area throughout his 85 years, leaving only to serve in World War II. He married Muriel Rushfeldt from the Heinsburg area and together they raised a daughter and four sons.

Holthe taught school for one year and served briefly as secretary of the Municipal District of Lincoln prior to his military service, returning to resume his teaching career which spanned more than four decades, and included eight years as principal of F. G. Miller High School.

Pastor Jim MacLellan of Elk Point Baptist Church knew Holthe not only as a parishoner, but also as a Royal Canadian Legion comrade, and spoke of the treasured times he had spent in fellowship with Holthe.

Pastor MacLellan introduced soloist Kerry Anderson, who sang one of Holthe's favorite gospel songs, which he had requested be sung at his memorial.



Dick Upham recalled a long and valued friendship that started through their joint involvement in the Progressive Conservative political arena.

One of Holthe's former students, MLA Ray Danyluk, presented the eulogy, remembering Holthe as both a teacher and the

school's first basketball coach, and later as a tireless community worker.

Holthe was instrumental in starting the Elk Point Historical Society, shepherding a crew of volunteers through the compilation of two local history books, later inspiring the Historical Society to commission the painting of Elk Point's historical mural and lobbying long and hard for preservation of Fort George and Buckingham House fur trade forts. He spearheaded formation of the Elk Point Further Education Council, and was recently recognized as one of the founding members and first chairperson.

Holthe's work with the Pioneer Circle seniors included the massive fundraising and planning required to purchase and renovate the building which became the Seniors' Recreation Centre. His volunteer efforts continued there over the years, working with the Alberta Senior Citizens Sports and Recreation Association and

other groups dedicated to the betterment of seniors.

Danyluk listed an impressive number of honours bestowed on Holthe, including the Alberta Historic Resources Foundation Heritage Service award in 1989, a Canada 125 medal in 1992, a Great Albertan award in 1994 and the Town of Elk Point's Community Achievement award in 2000.

President Marie Desjarlais led a the Elk Point Royal Canadian Legion in a special part of the service, complete with The Last Post

and Reveille, in recognition of Holthe's military service and lengthy involvement with the Legion branch.

A display of photos and memorabilia brought more reminiscences from the crowd following the service.

Obituary

ROUTHIER, Alphonse Dominique

On October 15, 2004, Mr. Alphonse Dominique Routhier of St. Paul passed away at the age of 83 years.

He is survived by his special friend, Helene; 6 sons & 3 daughters, Claire (Terry) Beaton of Lethbridge, Guy (Linda) of Cochrane, Therese (Urban) Ouellette of St. Paul, Raymond (Lindsey) of Lethbridge, Denis (Carmen) of Edmonton, Claude (Cathy) of Peace River, Gilles (Jill) of Mornville, Roger (Linda) of St. Paul & Lise (Kelly) Schmidt of Picture Butte; 17 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; 1 brother and 1 sister, Paul (Lorraine) Routhier & Eulalie Bussiere all of St. Paul. He was predeceased by his wife, Cecile in 1998; his parents, Arthur & Anna; 2 brothers, Theodore & Camile and 3 grandchildren, Renee, Danielle and Adrien Routhier.

Prayer Service Tuesday, October 19 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Cathedral, St. Paul. Mass of Christian Burial Wednesday, October 20 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Cathedral, St. Paul. Reverend Father R. Sicotte will be the celebrant with interment in St. Joseph's Cemetery, St. Paul. If desired, donations may be made to the St. Therese Hospital Foundation c/o Box 425, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A0.

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HOLTHE, Sidney A.

On October 10, 2004, Mr. Sidney A. Holthe of Elk Point passed away at the age of 85 years.

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A Memorial Service was held Saturday, October 16 at 11:00 a.m. at the Elk Point Seniors Recreation Centre. Pastor Jim MacLellan & Mr. Richard Upham officiated. Cremation has taken place. If desired, donations may be made to the Alberta Heart & Stroke Foundation c/o Box 425 St. Paul, AB.

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Well could be costly for county resident

By MICHELLE HULEY
St. Paul Journal

A county resident may end up paying a high price for a well he drilled on environmental reserve land.

County of St. Paul council heard the man, who owns property at Lac Sante, was unable, after several attempts, to drill a well successfully on his own land and instead had the well drilled 75 feet onto the reserve.

Development officer Glenn Zayak and building inspector Ken Yettaw explained to council at its Oct. 12 meeting that the man was aware when drilling the well, it was illegal to do so on the reserve land.

"It's 75 feet into the ER," Zayak told council. "It's very obvious it's on our land."

Yettaw said when confronted, the landowner initially denied knowing it was ER land when he had the well drilled, but later admitted to knowing it was reserve land. "Later, he called and apologized," Yettaw told council. "He said, 'I know, but what harm am I doing?'"

Environmental reserves are sections of public land put aside to protect environmentally sensitive areas, such as lake shores. Although ERs are provincial land, municipalities are responsible for them.

"The whole idea of an

environmental reserve is to leave the area alone," administrator Kim Heyman emphasized. "It's an environmentally sensitive area."

The man also took a Cat and clear cut a 20-foot wide area down to the well, which is located about three feet from the water," Yettaw explained.

"Once the story gets out you can go ahead, drill a well and build a road ...," Yettaw commented on how other ratepayers could perceive the act.

"There's a considerable amount of this happening all over the county," Zayak added.

Heyman stressed there's some very good reasons for not allowing such clear cutting. "We don't allow it because what happens is then we get washout."

Zayak said in the past, when an encroachment has been discovered, the land has usually been subdivided and the piece on which the encroachment occurs is sold to the landowner for \$1.

"That's a bad thing to be doing," Zayak said. "People are under the impression if they do something, they can buy it for \$1 and have a bigger lot."

"What's going to stop someone else from trying it?" Councillor Allen Young questioned.

Councillor Frank Sloan stressed, however, that is only done in special circumstances. "If somebody buys

a place, that's a different scenario, when it's only encroaching four feet."

Councillor Mike Bergeron asked if there's a fine that can be levied, or any way to force the man to reclaim the clear cut area.

Heyman replied that administration has brought this type of issue forward numerous times to council's attention. "We've been trying to get council to do something so when this kind of thing happens, we have some teeth to deal with it."

Council recently approved a bylaw dealing with a similar issue, that of structures such as stairs being built on the reserves. Such structures are now regulated and can only be built with municipal permission on areas that are naturally prohibitive to travelling from a subdivision development to lakeshore, and they must meet building codes.

"The worst case scenario is he'll have to reclaim the

land and the well," Councillor Sharil Baumgardner stressed.

Yettaw said he told the man to write a letter explaining the situation, and provided the county's fax number and Heyman's name as a reference. "I told him it was important to write to council, but he hasn't bothered."

"I'm very concerned," said Councillor Don Mudryk of the potential if the lake came back up. "Alberta Environment should say if that's a legal well or not."

"The best we can do today is table this, talk to our legal advisors and Alberta Environment," Reeve Robert Bouchard said. "We need to take some time, get some information and find out what we can do."

Council agreed, and passed a motion to direct its administration to find out the legal implications of the well, tabling the issue until its November meeting.

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Hey there my fellow Elk Point citizens it's I, Stephanie Kondla, again with some more great news that has happened so far this month at F.G. Miller School. On Friday, October 8, we had picture day and all the students gave a big smile. Monday, last week, there was no school because of the Thanksgiving holiday. On Tuesday, October 12, we had interim reports passed out, so I hope all students are passing their courses.



stephanie KONDLA
F. G. Miller High

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FGM school council wants more parents

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The next meeting of F. G. Miller's School Council is tonight at 7 p.m., and the council is looking for additional parents to provide a broader perspective and new ideas.

The town-hall-style council is open to any parent at any time. Its main responsibility is to advise the school on education issues and to assist in determining direction. No fundraising is involved, and time commitment is to attend eight meetings per school year.

It's a great way to keep in touch with your child's education and what's happening at F. G. Miller High.

College reunion time for the sportshound

"Went to a college party, to reminisce with my old friends." Here we go again, everyone, just like last week, back in time. The year is 1975. That's the year I graduated from Sheridan College in Oakville, Ontario with a Marketing Management diploma. It seems just like yesterday. Thursday night pub nights, Friday morning exams. Driving my 450 Honda motorcycle and the old beater Datsun 510 car... \$5.00 in the tank would last all week,

\$5.00 for a two/four of beer, pumping gas for a \$1.20 an hour at nights. Always had



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money for everything I wanted. Off course I still lived at home, didn't have to pay rent, but worked every Saturday or Sunday morning doing chores at home, cutting grass, pushing snow, making concrete, and what ever else my dad could come up with so we couldn't sleep in. The good old days.

Three years I attended College and had so any friends. You get married,

move west, young man, and make your fortune, have kids, make new friends, and you think you will never see the old guys again. Then one day something happens. I received an invitation in the mail; some of the guys from my class organized a homecoming. I thought to myself, "wouldn't it be

great to see these guys, but there's no way I can go. How can I just leave work, and it will cost too much. What about everything else I have to do?" Then a seat sale on the West Jet comes along, right to Hamilton and I can't pass this up. So now you know where I've been since last Wednesday. I'm back home now, but Saturday night I was sitting with my old college buddies at our 29 1/2-year reunion,

having a few pops.

What was the best thing about my college days? Well, that's where I met my lovely wife in my final year, her locker was right next to mine and we got married a few years later. It's true you know, even though you might think I'm just being nice to her for letting me go.

And now for the K. A. Campbell's quote of the week. "He was so upset that he tried to kill himself. He jumped on the train tracks, but the train went between his legs. Last week's answer to: "I went to the fights the other night and a hockey game broke out." - Rodney Dangerfield.

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